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CARRYING OUT A FORWARD AND AN
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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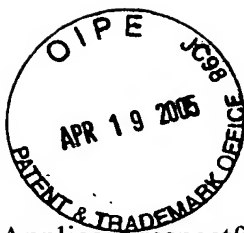
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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The submitted document is in English. The foreign search report asserts that the listed document discloses computing a DCT using a FFT.

With regard to Schiller, N., "Overlapping Block Transform Image Coding Preserving Equal Number of Samples and Coefficients", SPIE vol. 1001, Visual Communications and Image Processing, 1988, pp. 834-839, which was listed on a "Notice of References Cited" attached to an Office Action mailed July 8, 2004, and which was also listed in the foreign search report, the foreign search report asserted that this reference discloses an apparatus for carrying out a forward transform, calculation of an input signal, including multiplying means for multiplying a predetermined forward transform window function with the input signal, to produce a product signal and transforming means to perform a linear forward transform on the product signal to produce a forward transformed signal, in which computation of a MDCT is carried out by using a bidimensional FFT.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	B1	Duhamel et al., "A DCT chip based on a new structured and computationally efficient DCT algorithm", Proceedings of the International Symposium on Circuits and Systems, New Orleans, May 1-3, 1990, New York, IEEE, US, vol. 1 CONF. 23, 1 May 1990, pp. 77-80.	T

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